

**Western, Eastern, & Central
Service Area Authorities (SSA)**

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We have jointly identified seven service priorities that are common to all of our areas. We have collaborated with consumers, family members, and providers.

- 1. Retention of funds allocated for mental health services during the 2007 Legislative Session.**
- 2. Development and expansion of locally accessible safe and secure treatment beds.**
- 3. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement and other first responders.**
- 4. Workforce Development – recruitment and retention of mental health professionals and continued development of peer services.**
- 5. Medically appropriate transportation for individuals in mental health crisis.**
- 6. Increase reimbursement rates for providers.**
- 7. Adequately fund community services such as Drop-In Centers and Crisis Centers.**